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Application No. 10/743,192 :DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: 22 December, 2003 :
Atty Dkt. No. 2500DV2CN2DV3CN7 :
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This is a decision in reference to the request for corrected filing receipt filed on 10 June, 2004, which is treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of 22 December, 2003, instead of the presently accorded filing date of 19 December, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners assert that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on 22 December, 2003. In support of petitioners' contention that the application was deposited in Express Mail Post Office to Addressee Service on 22 December, 2003, petitioners supplied, with the present petition, a copy of Express Mail Customer Label No. ET710031050US (the same Express Mail number found on the itemized transmittal sheet filed with the original application papers located in the official file).

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In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is required.

The application is being returned to Office of Initial Patent Examination for reprocessing with a filing date of 22 December,

2003, not 19 December, 2003, and for issuance of a corrected
Filing Receipt.

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